(Amended) A device according to [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the adapter block incorporates a gas manifold.

## **REMARKS**

Please enter the above preliminary amendment of the claims.

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